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TAGS: OTRA, OGEN SUBSEQUENT ILLNESS OF DR. JAMES SLATER

SUBJECT: INTERIOR DEPARTMENT STUDY MISSION TO INDIA/

FOR SCIATT AND DR. ETZEL

SUMMARY: DR. JAMES A. SLATER APPARENTLY CONTACTED SOME FORM OF PUZZLING DISEASE LEADING TO FLUID COLLECTING ON KNEE JOINTS DURING SUBJECT MISSION. FROM SYMPTOMS AND DIAGNOSIS DESCRIBED BELOW, EMBASSY REQUESTED REPLY BY RETURN CABLE AS TO (1) POSSIBLE AILMENT AND (2) SUGGESTED TREATMENT.

1. DURING AIR FLIGHT BETWEEN BOMBAY AND NEW DELHI, PASSENGER IN FRONT OF DR. SLATER INADVERTENTLY SLAMMED HIS SEAT AGAINST DR. SLATER'S LEFT KNEE. IT WAS PAINFUL BLOW AT THE TIME AND KNEE BEGAN TO SWELL AND BECOME PAINFUL ON FEBRUARY 2.

2. DR. SLATER DEPARTED NEW DELHI EVENING FEBRUARY 2 AND HIS LEFT KNEE BECAME PROGRESSIVELY MORE SWOLLEN UNTIL HE ARRIVED DULLES AIRPORT FEBRUARY 4. ON FEBRUARY 5, HE REPORTED TO INTERIOR DEPARTMENT HEALTH UNIT AND ON FEB. 7 U.S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE DRAINED 170 CC'S FLUID OFF LEFT KNEE.

3. ON ABOUT FEBRUARY 16, THE RIGHT KNEE BECAME SWOLLEN LIKELY DUE TO EXCESSIVE USE AND LOAD. ON FEB. 18, DR. SLATER WENT INTO NATIONAL ORTHOPEDIC UNIT WHERE 49 CC'S

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FLUID DRAINED FROM RIGHT KNEE.

4. ON FEB. 25 NATIONAL ORTHOPEDIC HOSPITAL CONDUCTED AN ARTHROSCOPIC EXAMINATION ON LEFT KNEE AND TOOK BIOPSIES. FROM FLUID SAMPLES, BLOOD AND URINE TESTS, BIOPSIES, CULTURES AND ARTHROSCOPIC EXAMINATION, DOCTORS HAVE FOUND FOLLOWING: LEFT KNEE SHOWS TWO FRACTURES OF CARTILAGE AND TRACE OF ARTHRITIC INFLAMMATION. A MEDICAL CONSULTANT HAS DIAGNOSED A DOUBLE PROBLEM -- NON-SPECIFIC INFECTIOUS ARTHRITIS INITIATED BY INJURY. HE WOULD BE MOST INTEREST IN KNOWING WHETHER EMBASSY MEDICAL OFFICERS HAVE OBSERVED ANY FORMS OF NON-SPECIFIC INFECTIOUS ARTHRITIS OF UNDETERMINED CAUSE IN AMERICANS VISITING INDIA.

5. DR. SLATER WOULD MUCH APPRECIATE VIEWS OF DR. ETZEL ON ABOVE AND ANY IDEAS FOR TREATMENT. CASEY

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